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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/815,115	Applicant(s) SCHAEFFER ET AL.	
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 48 and 50.

Identification of prior art discussed: Camrud and Smith.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Regarding claim 48, the examiner suggested defining the structure of the ring to include the zig-zag and distinguish this from the connector member. The proposed amendments for claim 50 make this claim and the dependent claims, directed towards a different species, Fig. 7. Upon receiving the amendments the examiner will update the search.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Melissa Ryckman/
Examiner, Art Unit 3773

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